

REMARKS

Summary of Changes Made

By this Amendment, claims 3, 10, 11, 13 and 19 have been amended and claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 14-18, 21, 37-39 and 45-63 have been canceled. No new claims have been added to the application. Accordingly, claims 3, 10, 11, 13, 19, 20 and 22-28 are pending in the application. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 14-18, 21, 37-39, 45-56 and 59-63 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marinow, WO 02/10235, with Marinow, U.S. Pat. 6,756,450 serving as its English translation, in view of Kolb et al., U.S. Pat. 6,568,483 or Chheang et al., US 2003/0100654. As noted above, claims 1, 2, 4-9, 12, 14-18, 21, 37-39, 45-56 and 59-63 have been canceled by this Amendment thereby rendering the prior rejection thereof moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected claims 53-61 in the prior Office Action as being anticipated by Beck et al., U.S. Pat. 5,840,786, Beck et al., U.S. Pat. 5,965,645 or Illinois Tool Works, Inc., WO 01/153389. By this Amendment, applicants have canceled claims 53-61 thereby rendering the prior rejection thereof moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 3, 10, 11, 13, 19 and 20 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. But, the Examiner indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this Amendment, claims 3, 10, 11, 13 and 19 have been amended to include the limitations of claim 1, which has been canceled. Claim 20 depends from claim 19 and thus did not need to be amended. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 3, 10,

11, 13, 19 and 20 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants note that claims 22-28 were allowed in the prior Office Action.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 18-0160, Order No. LPC-17241.

Respectfully submitted,

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